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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT TO US OF SOVIET DIPLOMAT

1. DEPT PLANS TO ACCEPT THE ASSIGNMENT TO THE US OF OLEG LAZAREV, A SOVIET DIPLOMAT WHO WAS AMONG THE 105 SOVIETS EXPELLED FROM THE UK IN 1971. INASMUCH AS THIS IS A DEPARTURE FROM US PRACTICE REGARDING THE 105, THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES THE NECESSARY BACKGROUND TO RESPOND TO ANY OFFICIAL INQUIRIES IN LONDON OR AT NATO. DEPARTMENT WILL THIS WEEK NOTIFY BRITISH EMBASSY, WHICH HAS BEEN KEPT INFORMED AS OUR CONSIDERATION OF CASE PROCEEDED.

2. ONLY REASON FOR ACCEPTING LAZAREV IS AS TRADE-OFF FOR SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF THE ASSIGNMENT TO EMBASSY MOSCOW OF AN FSO WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY EXPELLED FROM THE USSR. SOVIETS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WILL ACCEPT THIS ASSIGNMENT BUT THAT  
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THEY WILL REQUIRE A QUID PRO QUO. WE PLAN TO SPECIFY

THAT LAZAREV IS THE QUID. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT THE SOVIET REACTION WILL BE.

3. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES FROM BRITISH, NATO ALLIES OR NATO STAFF, ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD MAKE THESE POINTS:

A. US CONTINUES TO ADHERE TO POLICY OF EXCLUDING FROM PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT TO US ANY MEMBERS OF THE 105.

B. LAZAREV IS BEING ACCEPTED IN THE US AS A SPECIAL CASE. IT IS PART OF A ONE-FOR-ONE TRADE TO ENABLE US TO ASSIGN TO MOSCOW IN A KEY JOB A HIGHLY QUALIFIED OFFICER WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY EXPELLED FROM THE USSR AS RETALIATION FOR THE US EXPULSION FOR CAUSE OF A SOVIET DIPLOMAT.

C. IT WILL BE MADE CLEAR TO THE SOVIETS THAT ACCEPTANCE OF LAZAREV DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CHANGE IN OUR POLICY REGARDING THOSE SOVIET CITIZENS EXPELLED FROM THE UK IN 1971.

D. IN SHORT, THIS EXCEPTION TO OUR ESTABLISHED POLICY IS BEING MADE FOR WHAT WE CONSIDER TO BE OUR OWN OVER-RIDING INTERESTS AND SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED BY ANYONE AS A PRECEDENT FOR OUR HANDLING OF FUTURE SUCH CASES. KISSINGER

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